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License No. 12-00330-05

Gentlemen:

This refers to our receipt of allegations concerning unsafe practices in the handling of byproduct materials authorized by NRC License No. 12-00330-05. The specific allegations follow.

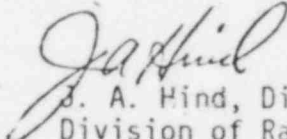
1. Individuals in the Microbiology Department routinely mouth pipette radioactive material (primarily P-32).
2. Individuals have ingested radioactive solutions.

The allegor further indicated that proper procedures and the dangers of mouth pipetting radioactive material were known to the involved individuals, and that the practice was hidden from persons outside of the department. The specific laboratories referenced are located on the second floor of Burrill Hall, and are under the control of Drs. George Koniski and Stanley Malloy.

We request that you immediately perform an investigation into these matters and report your findings to this office. Your findings and corrective actions (if appropriate) will be evaluated to determine whether an additional investigation by our office is warranted.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Robert E. Burgin of this office at (312) 790-5622.

Sincerely,

  
J. A. Hind, Director  
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